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In re Patent Application of:)
Andreas ENGL) Examiner: Not yet assigned
Serial No. 10/648,441) Group Art Unit: 3612
Filed: August 27, 2003)
For: MOTOR VEHICLE ROOF WITH A COVER)
WHICH CAN BE MOVED TO THE REAR)
OVER THE ROOF SKIN)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

With the exception of German Patent 10 63 924, all of the documents submitted herewith are listed with there category of relevance on the accompanying European Search Report. German Patent 10 63 924 was cited by the German Patent Office relative to the applicant's German priority application, but was not utilized by the German Patent Examiner to reject any claim of that application.

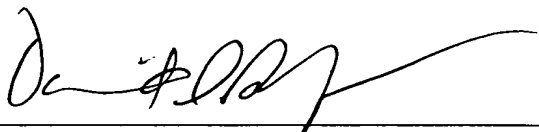
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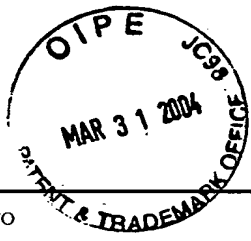
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